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Readers Say—

Another "Oldest" Broadcast

To the Editor:

Too bad you did not do some date checking before you published your July 1 lead letter re oldest religious broadcast. It is not R. R. Brown's Christian and Missionary Alliance of Omaha, date April 8, 1923. Some years ago I saw data from WOW Omaha showing that Brother Brown did broadcast April 8, but did not broadcast the next Sunday; then two weeks later, April 22, he began his broadcasts and has not missed a Sunday since.

My diary (kept for more than fifty years) shows that the first broadcast from Calvary Baptist Church, New York City (where I became bass soloist in May 1922), was the night of March 4, 1923—five weeks prior to the Omaha radiocast. The pastor, Dr. John Roach Straton, was the first minister to raise the money and build the church's own radio station and the towers still stand across the Hudson from New York City. I have copies of Calvary Baptist Church's calendars for dates before the broadcast. It seems that of the six persons who appeared on that March 4, 1923 Calvary broadcast I am the only one living.

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman began his first broadcast from Beford Brooklyn YMCA Sunday afternoon, January 7, 1923—two months ahead of Straton and three ahead of Brown —via WEAF New York City. First Methodist Church of Los Angeles also began in 1923, but I think it was in the fall. Religious News Service states that, according to a report received, an Atlanta, Georgia, Presbyterian church has been on the air since 1922. If such is the case, New York City's Calvary Baptist broadcast was second and Omaha third in seniority.

HOWARD WADE KIMSEY

New York City

In Defense of Graham

To the Editor:

Some time ago Mr. H. Laverne Rosenberger took issue with Evangelist Billy Graham's ministry. It seems to me Mr. Rosenberger's perspective is all wrong.

"His (Graham's) message is too individualist." How can it be *too* individualist? People are saved one by one.

"Not enough ecclesiological." He doesn't have to be ecclesiological at all. That's not his business; that belongs to pastors and ministers, and is not necessary in the message of salvation for the lost.

He knows all about the heresy and false teaching in the church today, but even Mr. Rosenberger admits there is no such thing in Billy's preaching. What Mr. Rosenberger wants is that Billy should become controversial on the matter, which to my mind would be a fatal mistake. Controversy will not bring anyone to decide for Christ. "The Gospel is not an argument, but an announcement." You may win the argument and lose the person. There is a proper time and place for controversy, but Billy is not in that place. It's outside his realm.

"We want Billy to openly proclaim" etc. He does not need to proclaim that he is an evangelical and opposed to heterodoxy. Everybody knows that! As for heterodox individuals who may be working with him, he is not responsible for them. They are responsible to God. Let Him be their Judge. Besides which, having them with him, they may become converted!

I most sincerely hope that Billy will not be turned aside by this red herring of misplaced controversy.

HAROLD H. COOK

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Truth About China

To the Editor:

I want to speak a good word for a wonderful book on Christian missions in China, *The Story of Mary Liu*, by Edward Hunter.

Reading it was a real experience for me. I do not know when I have gotten hold of anything that was such a shock in realizing the tactics that the Communists can use in the brainwashing process. I am indeed sorry that this book has not received the attention it should have had.

There is not another book like it, that gets behind the scenes in an incontrovertible manner, with every name and detail true, revealing what happens to religion under Communism. Yet it has not received a single review in New York City! In fact it is virtually banned.

This is a Farrar, Straus book, high class in every way. By default of publicity aid the book should get the author and publisher have no way of getting it out to the public. It is being hushed up, as the author's earlier books on brainwashing were until the Reds had done what they wanted with our American prisoners. Now the same thing is happening with religion in China.

Evangelicals need to read *The Story of Mary Liu* and tell others about it.

WILLIAM JOHNSON

New York City

No High School

To the Editor:

Just for the record Roberts Wesleyan College has no high school or academy. In your last listing of Evangelical Schools and Colleges I note you credit us with one. This phase of our educational program was discontinued some years ago, but evidently the NAE Commission on Education was not advised. Please make the necessary correction in futue listings.

I have very much enjoyed several articles on education appearing in recent issues of *Action* magazine.

ERNEST KEASLING

North Chili, N. Y.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO.—Workmen "all out" for their annual Labor Day celebration. See editorial on page 7, "The Church and Labor."

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2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE SECRET OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH THROUGH PRAYER

By JAMES DEFOREST MURCH*

PRAYER is the key that opens the door to victorious life. In the atmosphere of meditation, quiet thinking and conversation with God, by a quiet unfolding and enlarging process it is possible for man to grow into the kind of person that God wants him to be. No physical handicap, mental or moral failure is so great that it cannot be met and conquered in prayer. Here there are no bounds to the heights we can attain if the aspiration is in harmony with the will of God.

Unfolding and Enlarging

This unfolding and enlarging process follows a pattern. Silent urgings of the spirit of God work through our lives when we are on our knees or in the silent night watches listening for His promptings.

In the beginning we may find ourselves rather nominal in our Christian life. We believe in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We have accepted Him with the intellect and with the affections. We read the Bible. We go to Church. We try to live according to the moral code of our times. Then in the atmosphere of prayer—

We are quickened to further growth.

We find that being Christian involves Christlikeness.

We see in Him the perfect example of all that we desire to be and we begin to pattern our lives after His. It is not easy but we find new strength each day to "follow in His steps." Then in closer touch with God—

We are quickened to further growth.

We are conscious of the Presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit. What a glorious thing to realize that He is more than a character in a book or an absentee Saviour. This daily reality of walking and talking with God causes us to question certain practices in our lives and we give them up. He lifts our sights to new vistas of attainment in our spiritual lives and in service in His Kingdom. But this is not the end.

We are quickened to further growth.

We sense a new empowerment. God is not only with us but He gives us power. We are weak and know that in our own strength we are unable to cope with the temptation and trials of life, but with the power of Christ we feel we can accomplish all things. We know now that no evil can defeat us.

The Apostle Paul, who knew the unfolding and enlarging experience of prayer, once spoke of vails that kept men from fellowship with God and the empowering influences that make for growth. He said, the Lord is the quickening Spirit and where He is there is liberty of movement and development. We, "with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the character of the Lord, are changed into the same image from character unto character." There is nothing here of the modern concept that man can lift himself by his own sacrificial toil and headstrong determination to be a bigger and better person. It is an expression of the transforming influence of devout and prayerful contemplation of the moral beauty and the divine holiness of the Son of God. Thus we are privileged to partake of the life and character of God and grows into His likeness.

Divine Guidance

Plants grow best when they are cultivated by a gardener. In the Garden of Prayer there is a Gardener who has promised to give our lives direction, cultivation and development.

The Word of God is full of such prayer promises as Prov. 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths"; Ps. 32:8: "I will instruct thee and teach thee the way which thou shalt go"; I will guide thee with mine eye"; Isa. 58:11: "The Lord shall guide thee continually"; John 8:21: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

We need divine guidance in prayer. Often we discover that we have been praying for things which are not best for us. We could obviate such blundering if we would only remember the promise that the Spirit will aid those who "know not what they should pray for as they ought." George Mueller, who gave God the glory for the building of the great Bristol homes for children, always sought divine guidance in this manner:

"1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart in such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter. Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

"2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do I make myself liable to great delusions.

"3. I seek the will of the spirit of God through, or in connection with,

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the Word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Spirit guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and not apart from them.

"4. Next I take into account the providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His Word and His Spirit.

"5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

"6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace and continues so after two or three petitions, I proceed accordingly."

There is no concern of the human heart that is so trivial that God will refuse to give His counsel. In times of change and crisis prayer is imperative. We should learn not only to pray in special times and places on matters of this kind but cultivate the habit of offering up our spirits continually before God, asking His will. We need to be so surrendered to His guidance that we can ask Him to shut the doors we should not enter, block the roads we should not travel, arrest all our actions and defeat all our aims that are not in accordance with His holy will.

Then the song of the psalmist will become ours: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart . . . . The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? . . . Teach me thy way and lead me in a plain path . . . . One thing I desire of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His temple."

Discipline Through Prayer

There is a sense in which prayer may be both an exercise and a restraint in the development of higher and better life. Beecher once likened discipline in prayer to a grindstone on which the keen workman grinds his tools that they may be sharp. We submit ourselves, dull and inadequate at best, to be ground in the exercises and disciplines of prayer for better service to God and humanity.

Our senses are often dulled by contact with the world. The fogs and darkness of this life keep us from seeing in clear and sharp distinction the difference between that which is right and wrong, righteous and unrighteous. Good people may live so close to sin for so long a time that black and white blend into a tattle-tale grey. We need a restoration of our spiritual senses, a rehabilitation of conscience, a new awareness of the blackness of sin and a more intense repugnance of it, a new yearning for the white holiness of the life that is hid with Christ in God.

Dr. John Henry Strong relates how that "Charles G. Finney, the great evangelist . . . after a service in which many had been converted and the power of God had been conspicuously manifested would return home, throw himself face downward on the floor of his room, and remain prone until he was set free from the peril of illusion that it was his own gifts and powers, and not God, that had wrought the transformation he had witnessed. Not until his spirit was prostrate before God in humility could the work of the Spirit, he knew, go on." Only in such hours of agonizing prayer are developed those qualities of spirit and character that build great men and the saints of God.

Sometimes the delays in God's answers to our petitions work out for us a deeper understanding and profounder appreciation of life and the purposes of God. The Bible story of Hannah, the wife of Elkanah, in the hill country of Ephraim is a splendid illustration of this great truth. Hannah was childless in a day when there could be no more degrading curse upon a woman than that. She was a good woman —quiet, thoughtful, earnest and kind. She prayed and prayed and *prayed* for a son, but seemingly God did not answer. The record said she was in "bitterness of soul" and "wept sore." But God had a purpose. The Hebrew nation was without a leader commensurate with its need. It was disintegrating, dying. He saw the solution of the problem in Hannah if somehow she could have her vision broadened, her spirit mellowed and her willingness to do the will of God intensified to the point of full surrender and sacrifice. The years of prayer did just that in Hannah's life. Her prayer was no longer for a son for herself, for Elkanah, but a son for God and for the nation. Then a child was conceived and borne under the prenatal influences that fitted him to become the great Samuel. The answer was delayed that more might be given and that God's ultimate purposes might be achieved. So in our lives the discipline of delay may teach us new lessons God does not want us to miss; may prepare us in heart and mind to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the answer; may instruct us in some method in prayer which is not yet clear to us; or, quite likely, to rebuke and chasten us.

In the pocket of a Confederate veteran slain on the field of battle in America's "War Between the States" was found this clipping:

"He was a Christian and he prayed.

"He asked for strength that he might do greater things; but he was given infirmity that he might do better things.

"He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise.

"He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

"He asked for all things that he might enjoy life; he was given life that he might enjoy all things,

"He had received nothing that he asked for; all that he hoped for.

"His prayer is answered, he is most blessed."

We need to remember the words of the Spirit in the Hebrew letter: "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth . . . . that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:5, 6, 10, 11).

Thus the Gardener in the Garden of Prayer cultivates, trims, prunes, transplants, and sometimes *forces* that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto every good work to do His will.

Growth Through Prayer

Prayer does something to us which is evident to ourselves and others. When our Lord took Peter, James and John with Him into the mountain to pray on the occasion of His Transfiguration, the divine record tells us that "as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was changed." As Jesus talked to the Heavenly Father something took place in His own spirit and His shining face reflected that new joy and strength which were His. So apparent was this change that His disciples marveled.

The greatest and best thing that happens when we pray is that we are changed and transformed; maybe not in one prayer experience, but certainly through the days and the years. It is unfortunate that most of us have a narrow, childish concept of prayer. We think of it as asking some special favor

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THE BIBLE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By RENWICK HARPER MARTIN*

SHOULD the Bible have a place in public education in our country and, if so, what place? This is an important question confronting us in our educational situation.

We believe it should have an important place for many reasons. Its matchless English makes it the classic book of the English language. So say our literary critics. "To my early knowledge of the Bible," said Ruskin, "I owe the best part of my taste in literature, and the most precious, and on the whole, the one essential part of my education." This is the testimony of Sir Edwin Arnold: "I owe my education as a writer more to the Bible than to any hundred books that could be named."

It is the world's best book on citizenship. The primary purpose of public education is to prepare American youth for the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy. Our Founding Fathers believed its writers, as described by Milton, to be

"Men divinely taught and better teaching
The solid rules of civil government
In their majestic unaffected style
Than all the oratory of Greece and Rome.
In them is plainest taught and easiest learned
What makes a nation happy and keeps it so;
What ruins kingdoms and lays cities flat."

View of Our Fathers

From the Bible our forefathers obtained those great moral and spiritual truths contained in the Declaration of Independence, on which they established this nation.

The influence of the Bible in establishing our democracy and shaping and maintaining our national life is abundantly proved by the declarations of many of America's outstanding statesmen and leaders. We quote the following:

Justice Brewer of the U. S. Supreme Court:

"The American nation from its first settlement in Jamestown to this hour is based upon and permeated by the Bible."

President Andrew Jackson:

"The Bible is the Rock on which this Republic rests."

President Thomas Jefferson:

"The Bible is the source of liberty."

"I have always said and always will say that the studious perusal of the Sacred Volume will make better citizens."

President U. S. Grant:

"To this Book we are indebted for the progress made in our civilization and to this Book we must look as our guide in the future."

President William McKinley:

"The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book, the more closely we observe its precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be the destiny of our nation."

President Theodore Roosevelt:

"The Bible is the most democratic Book in the world."

President Woodrow Wilson:

"There are great problems before the American people. I would be afraid to go forward if I did not believe that there lay at the foundation of all our schooling and all our thought the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God."

President Calvin Coolidge:

"The foundations of society and government rest so much upon the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings should cease to be practically universal in this country."

To the above we add the testimony of our two greatest presidents: George Washington, who certainly had our nation, as well as other countries in mind when he said:

"It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible."

Abraham Lincoln:

"In regard to the great Book, I have only this to say. It is the best gift God has given to man . . . But for it we would not know right from wrong."

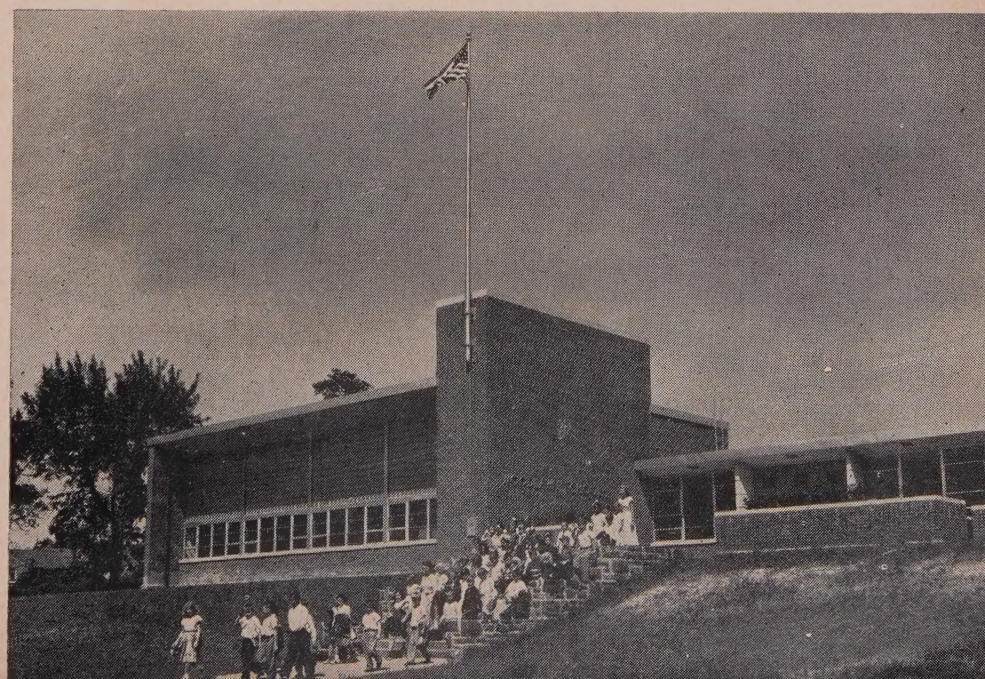
It should be noted these outstanding leaders give their testimony to the Bible's contribution not only to American life in general but especially to our civil and political life, and our democratic form of government. We add one more testimony from a lesser light, even more specific with reference to our Republic form of government, that of

Edward Everett:

"All the distinctive features and superiority of our republican institutions are derived from the Scriptures."

These testimonies add up to this—the Bible has made America. Should not the Book that made America be in the schools on which we so largely depend to make Americans?

Yet there are those who would exclude it from our schools. If what these outstanding leaders of our country have said of its contribution to our nation and government is true, would not this be an illogical and foolish thing to do? What do these antagonists propose to put in its place to build the



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character of American youth to fit them for citizenship and life?

As over against all this there are those who say, the American people have enacted laws which prohibit the use of the Bible in our nation's schools. Have they done this? Let us get down to facts.

Law in the States

There is nothing in the Federal Constitution or in any of the State Constitutions, except of Washington, which specifically or by direct implication excludes the Bible from the nation's schools or any of its institutions of higher learning.

There is not, nor has there ever been, an act of the U. S. Congress which prohibits its use in these same educational institutions, nor has any state legislature enacted a law plainly against its use. It is also true that in a large portion of Court cases in which this issue has been brought before them, the Courts have sustained the constitutionality of Bible reading in our schools.

What is the legal status of Bible reading in the public schools? The following twelve states by law require a portion of the Bible to be read in all their schools daily. The states and date of the enactment of these laws follow:

Alabama	1919
Arkansas	1930
Delaware	1923
Florida	1925
Georgia	1921
Idaho	1925
Kentucky	1924
Maine	1923
Massachusetts	1855
New Jersey	1916
Pennsylvania	1913
Tennessee	1915

Also, the District of Columbia under the control of the U. S. Congress. Note that not one of the above laws has been repealed.

Twenty-five States permit the daily reading of the Bible in their schools. Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, N. Carolina, N. Dakota, Ohio, S. Dakota, Rhode Island, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Vermont, Iowa, New Hampshire, Oregon, Virginia, Maryland, S. Carolina, W. Virginia, Michigan, New Mexico.

In these states no Constitutional requirement, statute law, attorney-general or state superintendent of schools' opinion prevents Bible reading in the schools. In a number of them it is very generally read, in others infrequently, and in some not at all. Generally when the Bible is read it is followed by prayer, usually the Lord's Prayer, but not always.

Eleven states that prohibit Bible reading in their schools by ruling of attorney-generals, or superintendents of public instruction: Arizona, California, New York (Upstate), Nevada, Utah, Wyoming—6; by ruling of their supreme courts: Illinois, Louisiana, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin—5. While the opinion of the court in the Louisiana case seems to exclude the reading of the New Testament only, and that of the Wisconsin Court says, "There is much in the Bible that is not sectarian . . . No better code of morals exists than is contained in the New Testament. It may be used to inculcate good morals" the efect in both cases is to exclude the entire Bible from the schools.

Thus it is seen that so far as *legislation* by state legislatures or by Congress is concerned, not one of the forty-nine has ever by name or clearly by implication excluded the Bible from the schools, nor has the U. S. Supreme Court; only five of the State Supreme Courts. These are facts that should be stategotten to the American people.

The Maine Law

As an appropriate conclusion we quote the law of Maine, one of the twelve states requiring Bible reading in its schools.

"To secure greater security in the faith of our fathers, to inculcate into the lives of the rising generation the spiritual values necessary to the well-being of our future civilization, to develop those high moral and religious principles necessary to human happiness, to make available to the youth of the land the Book which has been the inspiration of the greatest masterpieces of literature, art and music, and which has been the strength of the great men and women of the Christian era, there shall be in the public schools of the state, daily or at suitable intervals, readings from the Scriptures with special emphasis upon the Ten Commandments, the Psalms of David, Proverbs of Solomon, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Lord's Prayer. It is provided further that there shall be no denomination or sectarian comment or teaching, and each pupil shall give respectful attention, but shall be free in his own forms of worship."

Growth Through Prayer

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and getting it; as something that does not involve a spiritual relationship of man with God and God with man. Thus we miss the touch of God's spirit upon our own that is like the touch of the potter on the clay. Blessed is the man who can pray—

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay
Mould me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now
While in Thy presence humbly I bow....

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

If through prayer God is doing something in our lives it will be evident to others in many ways—

If we have been selfish, prayer will make us unselfish. The life that seeks only its own good and is motivated by a desire to get and hoard and gloat can be changed into a life empowered of God to live like the selfless Christ esteeming the welfare of others of prime importance and giving freely to supply their need.

If we have been proud prayer will make us humble. Man by nature is proud, adoring himself more than he adores God. But when we come to know God we realize that by comparison we are nothing. All our sin, our suffering, our inadequacy combine to make us humble in His presence and soon we are able to see ourselves in true perspective in our relationships with others.

If we have been contentious prayer will give us the spirit of meekness. God somehow teaches us to be like Christ who stood like a rock for His convictions and was not to be moved from His purposes, yet when He was oppressed and afflicted He opened not His mouth.

If we have been a seeker after the flesh pots of this world prayer will cause us to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Our appetite for pleasure may remain but it is no longer satisfied in the capricious, the wanton, the lustful things of this world but in the things of the spirit of God. We may go on buying, possessing and accumulating but with the love of God paramount in our lives.

If we have been "hard" and "tough" prayer will give us a heart of compassion. Love, grace and mercy flow into our lives from the heart of God and to some degree at least we express those attributes toward others. To those in trouble we show benevolence and pity in every way we can. We learn that we cannot be great and gen-

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Action Editorial

James DeForest Murch

The Church and Labor

■ LABOR DAY again reminds us of the dignity of work. The Christian looks upon labor as more than the making of a living. He sees it as a stewardship to the glory of God and the well-being of mankind. Faithful Christian workers, laboring within God's will and purpose, are workers together with Him in the building of a better world which may reveal the infinite wisdom, power and goodness of God.

If this unselfish ideal motivated both capital and labor in our modern society there would be a fair distribution of wages and profits and the dangers of class struggle would be obviated. Unfortunately this situation does not exist and our daily press is constantly filled with news of strikes, unemployment, labor violence and dire threats by all concerned.

What can the church do in these troublous times to help provide a solution to the problems constantly arising in the field of labor relationships?

The Holy Scriptures deal with the basic principles involved. The Church can teach and preach these principles. In this brief editorial we call attention to only a few: God's moral order recognizes the equality of all men before God; the sacredness of human welfare; the necessity of work; a just reward for employer and employed; the sharing of one another's burdens and the ultimate solution of all human problems in the sphere of love.

The corollary of these principles must appear in the duties and rights of management and labor. The Church may give guidance here but the final practical application of these principles must be made by those who are completely aware of and fully experienced in the down-to-earth issues involved. We have had altogether too much advice from "hair-brained" preachers who know absolutely nothing of economics, industry, management, or scientific labor welfare. This criticism also holds good for Councils of Churches and denominational bodies.

This the Church can do: We can uphold the dignity of labor. We can champion the cause of justice. We can advocate conciliation and arbitration in industrial disputes. We can develop both in Church and community life the practice of mutual understanding and goodwill between various groups. We can constantly confront all men with the teaching and example of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let this Labor Day be a time when Christians resolve to actually be the "salt" in our social order to promote the cause of righteousness, justice, progress and peace in American industry.

Let U.S. Keep the Faith

■ WE ARE INDEBTED to Dr. Renwick H. Martin for his review of the states in which the Bible is still considered a factor in public education (page 5). We are thankful that there are still areas of our land in which the Christian tradition in public education still persists. From the beginning of the American public school until recent years it has been taken for granted that ours is a "nation under God" and that our future citizens must be taught a respect for God and His Word as a basic principle of the American way of life.

Today we find a strange new development in public education which threatens to destroy the last vestiges of respect for God, for the Bible and for the Church in our body politic. It is based on the hatred of minority groups for Christianity and predicated on the assumption that in a pluralistic society the majority has no right to make laws which are distasteful to minorities. The minority groups are bringing ever increasing pressures on our legislatures not only to eliminate the Bible from the public schools but all favorable reference to Christ and the Church.

In a recent report of the U. S. Census Bureau, based on a sample survey made in March 1957, it was stated that 109,700,000 Americans age fourteen or older class themselves as Protestants and 30,700,000 as Roman Catholics. Ninety-six per cent of our citizens said they professed religion, three per cent said they had none and one per cent gave no report.

It is also a matter of record that the majority of our Senators and Representatives in the current Congress are Christian men and women. From the President on down through members of his Cabinet and other officials of the present Administration, the majority of its personnel is Christian. There is scarcely a department or commission of our Government of which the same could not be said. Our representatives to foreign lands and in the United Nations are mostly of the Christian faith.

With the vast majority of Americans on record, in some way or other, as Christians, yet our leaders in state and nation hesitate to preserve our two-hundred year Christian heritage. Have the vocal minorities in American life so intimidated us that we do not dare exercise our historic democratic right of a simple majority expression of our faith?

Parenthetically: The question is often asked why our Christian forefathers did not clearly indicate the Christian character of our government in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These worthy men are all dead and we cannot ask them. All answers to the question must be conjectural. Might it not be (1) that they assumed the universal recognition of that Christian character and (2) that they were not under pressure by well-organized minorities who sought to minimize or discount the Christian faith?

Every minority in American life has received from a predominantly Christian citizenry every right, privilege and freedom that they enjoy in the United States of America. This Christian majority has never sought and will never seek a union of church and state, the creation of any "establishment of religion," or any repression of minorities; in fact, a Christian majority has written into the fundamental law of our land strong safeguards which make any such development impossible.

Our minorities need to know the facts about their Christian heritage:

The founders of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts in 1620 were all Christian men and women who came to America that they might "worship God according to the dictates of their conscience." Before they landed their leaders met in the cabin of the *Mayflower* and wrote a thrilling Christian "Compact" the opening line of which reads, "In the name of God, Amen."

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Diplomats in Colombia

The State Department recently released a most interesting commentary on the Colombian situation. The statement was drafted in response to queries from Capitol Hill following the blast which was fired by *America*, a Jesuit publication. (See Capitol Report, *Action*, April 1, 1958.)

The summary statement of the situation from the Department ran as follows: "For several years the Department and the Embassy in Bogota have been concerned about the restrictions on religious freedom in Colombia and the violence to which many Protestants there have been subjected. During the last ter years some forty Protestant churches and chapels in Colombia have been dynamited or burned and many other Protestant churches and many Protestant schools have been closed. A large number of Protestants have suffered mob violence in Colombia and a considerable number have been killed. Several missionaries who are United States citizens have been injured by this mob action and a number of United States-owned churches and schools have been forced to close as a result of violence or of official measures against them. We have been greatly concerned about these developments because of our duty to protect the lives and property of American citizens abroad, and because of our interest in the maintenance of the basic human liberties in this Hemisphere and in removing obstacles to good relations between the United States and Colombia. The fact that this mistreatment of Protestants has created obstacles to the best relations between us and Colombia is attested by the volume of letters which the Department of State received over the last ten years protesting against assistance by the United States to the government of a country in which Protestants are mistreated."

Another part of the statement destroys the much-used argument that Protestants are the victims of political, not religious strife. "One of the facts clearly established is that the majority of cases of violence against Protestants occurred in places free from banditry and in which political instability has not caused a general breakdown in public order."

The statement further supported the specific actions of U. S. diplomatic officials, including the American ambassador, who had intervened to protect the Protestants and their work. "We have no reason to believe that the Colombians in general are resentful of our efforts to protect American lives and property in Colombia, or of our speaking with Colombian officials on behalf of freedom of religion there. There are undoubtedly some Colombians who resent these efforts but reports from our Embassy and Consulates in Colombia do not reflect such feelings on the part of a wide segment of the population."

"Colombia is by no means the only country in which the Government of the United States has shown an interest in the treatment of missionaries abroad or in the freedom of religion. When the Communists were taking control of mainland China we made many efforts on behalf of Protestants and Catholics alike. We have also spoken very vigorously on behalf of Catholics suffering persecution in other parts of the world. We believe that we are acting in the best American tradition when we seek to protect the lives and property of American citizens abroad and to use our influence on behalf of the basic freedoms elsewhere in the world," the statement concluded.

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Protestants Welcome Fanfani

The National Association of Evangelicals sent greetings to the Prime Minister of Italy, Amintore Fanfani, upon his arrival in Washington recently. The message took note of "Italy's determination" to be numbered among the countries where freedom—particularly religious freedom—prevails. (*Action*, August 15).

The letter, signed by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the NAE, expressed the hope that Prime Minister Fanfani's visit would be "successful in underscoring the common interests of our two countries and thus strengthening the position of the free nations of the world."

Taylor then emphasized the value of church-state separation as basic to religious freedom. There is some evidence that Italy is giving increasing recognition to this principle. The Prime Minister has previously stated his hope that his own party, the Christian Democratic Party, would be "completely divorced" from church control.

"It is our observation," Taylor said, "that the interests of both the church and the state are served best when they assume separate roles and when neither of them seeks dominance in the affairs of the other. Unfortunately there are large areas in the world today (Poland is a current example) where the church suffers terrible injustices at the hands of the government. There are other areas where religious domination in political affairs gives rise to injustice, and operates against the cause of freedom. We are delighted to see Italy's determination that she will not be numbered among such nations. Permit us to wish you every success in your efforts in behalf of religious liberty."

The Ungodly Vision

The House Un-American Activities Committee has recorded the views of a religious spokesman on the nature of the Communist ideology. Dr. Charles Wesley Lowry told the committee that "Communism is a substitute for God, built into a system."

"The starting point of the fallacy of communism is, of course, to be found in the thing that I said lies at the heart of every great system that has influenced the mind of man since time began; namely, the vision of reality. From the standpoint of the great religions, there has been a vision of reality that involved the spiritual world, that involved God and the purpose of Divine Being.

"Marx inverts this absolutely. He rejects God. He denies the existence of God. He denies the existence of the spiritual universe. He denies the existence of any truth in the traditional ideas of religion that have come down to us. If you remember, he said religion is the opium of the people. Lenin went him one better and said that religion is the spiritual gin of the people. So the beginning of the falsity is the denial of God and the denial of a spiritual universe and the spiritual nature of man. Everything that flows out from this false beginnig is bound to be false and misleading."

"Psychologically," Lowry continued, "it has the advantage of appealing to the soul and providing its spurious substitute for the innate nature of man, the desire of man to find something that he can give loyalty to, to find a meaning for life and existence, a purpose in all things.

"This is the heart of religion, to believe that there is meaning in existence. A great many people in our Western culture have lost the ability to find this in traditional religions. I saw this in Oxford in 1932; I have seen it in this country. Young men, highly educated men, who thought they had cast off the religion of their childhood, the religion of their fathers; they thought they could be irreligious. Man can't be completely irreligious. He will find new religions. If he rejects true religion, he will find a new religion, a false one. Communism, in my judgment—this is very, very important—has been able to turn our world upside down. Literally, it has done that, because it caught hold of the mind and soul of a lot of very able people. It has inspired them or given them determination to utilize every element in society that would enable them to bring about a revolution of the masses."

Dr. Lowry is an Episcopal clergyman and heads the Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order.

Omaha Action

Judge J. B. Chase has upheld an Omaha ordinance banning the sale of obscene literature. In a memorandum opinion, Judge Chase described one of the publications involved, the novel "Peyton Place," as a "hodgepodge of mental sewage."

The opinion was in the case of Eric Nelson, a book and magazine wholesaler who appealed a Municipal Court conviction for violating the obscene literature ordinance. In sustaining the lower court, Judge Chase imposed the same $100 fine.

Omaha's ordinance forbids the sale of "any comic book, magazine or other publication which, read as a whole, is of an obscene nature."

Evangelical Newsfront

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Inter-church

Nation's Church Members Now Number 170,500,000

NEW YORK—Sixty-one per cent of the nation's estimated 170,500,000 people are reported to be members of churches or synagogues. Membership now stands at 104,189,678 for all faiths—a gain for the year of 964,724 members. The latest annual compilation of church statistics, covering 255 church bodies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, was announced by the National Council of churches. The figures will appear in detail in the *Yearbook of American Churches,* now available to the public.

For the first time since World War II, the membership percentage increase was lower than that estimated for the population as a whole. Church membership rose by nine-tenths of one per cent — the population rise was estimated at 1.7 per cent. Last year, when 62 out of every 100 Americans were reported to have church affiliation, the membership rise was 3 per cent, nearly twice that of the estimated population rise. Thus this year's 61 per cent figure is the second highest on record—nearly twice as high as that for the turn of the Century.

Other new figures, covering mainly the church statistical year of 1957, include:

Sunday School Enrollments—up 1.1 per cent for a new total of 40,359,772.

Per member contributions — $56.74 annually, an increase of 7.3 per cent.

New church construction—at a new all-time high of $868,000,000, up $93,000,000 over the previous year, and more than double 1950's $409,000,000.

A membership breakdown by major faiths shows there are 59,823,777 Protestants, 35,846,477 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 members of Jewish congregations, and 2,540,446 Eastern Orthodox in this country.

The *Yearbook* points out that membership comparisons between the different faiths—and even among Protestant denominations—are difficult to make because the churches use different methods of counting. The Roman Catholic Church considers all persons who are baptized, including infants, to be members. Most Protestant church bodies, however, count as members only those persons 13 years of age and up, who have sought and attained full membership. The major exceptions are the Lutheran bodies and the Protestant Episcopal Church which now report all baptized persons as members.

Eighty-two of the 255 reporting church bodies account for over 98 per cent of church members—102,551,623.

The largest Protestant body is the Methodist Church, with 9,543,245 members. Next in order among the most numerous bodies are: the Southern Baptist Convention (8,956,756); National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (4,557,416); United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (3,032,977); Protestant Episcopal Church (2,965,137); National Baptist Convention of America (2,668,799); United Lutheran Church in America (2,235,455); United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian Churches; Evangelical & Reformed) (2,192,674); Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (2,150,230); and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), International Convention (1,943,599).

When Protestants are grouped into "families" of churches, Baptists are by far the most numerous—nearly 20,000,000 members of 27 Baptist denominations. There are 12,059,400 Methodists in 22 Methodist church bodies; 7,529,773 Lutherans in 19 Lutheran bodies; and 4,043,052 Presbyterians in 10 Presbyterian bodies.

A breakdown of the Sunday and Sabbath School figures shows that of the total 40,359,772 enrollment, 37,127,732 are students, and 3,232,040 are teachers and other religious education workers. Of the total, 92.2 per cent are Protestant.

For the first time, the *Yearbook* analyzes Protestant Sunday School members by age groups. Basing its findings on 1956 figures, the study shows that just as many adults (aged 24 and up) are enrolled in religious education classes in the churches as children (aged 3 to 11 years). Each group numbered over 12,000,000 enrollees. The youth group between totaled 7,000,000. The "cradle roll" totaled 3,000,000. (Adult teachers and officers numbered 3,000,000.)

This study further shows that 13 per cent of all U. S. adults are enrolled in Protestant Sunday Schools—nearly 26 per cent of those aged 12-23—over 40 per cent in the 3-11 age bracket—and nearly 28 per cent of America's small fry (to age 2).

Fifty-two major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies report contributions at $2,043,741,555. Other bodies do not report on gifts. Comparable totals for the past two years show 9.9 per cent increase in contributions for all purposes. For benevolences (home and foreign missions, etc.) the gain was 7.5 per cent; for congregational expenses the increase was 10.4 per cent.

The average annual contribution per member was $56.74—up 7.3 per cent from the previous year's $52.88. Seventh-day Adventists appear to give most generously, on the average — $202.02 per annum.

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United Action

Evangelicals Sponsoring Special Week Observance

WHEATON, Ill.—With the theme, "Serving you and your church," the National Association of Evangelicals is promoting the observance of "NAE Week," October 19 to 26. The annual affair, marked by messages on the NAE delivered to affiliated churches and schools, will feature sixteen years of service provided by the association to evangelical Christians of America and the world.

The National Association of Evangelicals represents more than 40 complete denominations with over 26,000 churches, individual churches from some 40 other groups, many Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships and evangelistic organizations as well as individual Christians. Ten million Bible-believing Christians are regularly being served through its commissions and affiliates.

The NAE has grown since its inception in 1942 to the place where it now provides services in nearly twenty fields. Some of these are home and foreign missions, world relief, evangelism, radio, Christian education, Sunday school children's welfare and social action.

An important part of its ministry is provided by the office of public affairs in Washington, D. C., which offers evangelicals a listening post on legislative matters and representation before the national government in affairs of importance to them. Today the NAE is recognized by government leaders as an official voice for evangelical Protestants.

Over the past sixteen years vital services have been rendered by the association to its constituency. As a voice of protest against religious intolerance and ecclesiastical monopoly, it has withstood efforts of those who would curtail opportunities of church extension, of chaplaincy work, of proclaiming the Gospel by radio and television, and many other fields of church endeavor.

The NAE has preserved religious opportunities. The increase of nationalism

has threatened missionary activity in many lands. The NAE and its affiliate, the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, have kept many doors of opportunity open for Gospel ministry abroad.

The NAE has provided biblical fellowship. Through its program, evangelical churches, existing independently across the nation with little opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other, have been brought together in a genuine spiritual unity. Cooperative action on common problems and opportunities has been made possible through this oneness.

During the NAE Week observances, issues of the day facing evangelicals, and on which the evangelical association is actively working, will be presented. Some of these include: immoral Gospel broadcasts being taken off the radio; and control of church placement in new and redeveloped housing projects by theologically liberal Protestant councils of churches.

Write national or regional NAE offices today for "NAE Week" literature and plan an observance in your Church.

Evangelicals Sponsor New England Crusades

BOSTON, Mass.—Hyman Appelman, sponsored by the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals, Charles Campbell, acting secretary, and its more than 600 supporting churches, spent the fourteen weeks from March 31 through July 5 in the New England states (*Action,* April 15). During the time, there was a total of 4,646 decisions recorded in addition to many others who received counselling. Of the 4,646, at least 3,703 came on first time profession of faith and/or for church membership.

The first seven days (March 31-April 6) with the First Baptist Church, Concord, N. H., saw 285 decisions with 237 coming on profession of faith or for church membership. Two weeks, area wide, filled the Adams Theater, Quincy, Mass. The next two weeks (April 21-May 4) overflowed Town Hall, Rochester, N. H. First Baptist Church of Waterville, Maine was crowded out from May 5-18 with the meetings sponsored by churches in Central Maine. The two weeks from May 19-June 1 set new records in Mechanics Hall, Worchester, Mass. A blaze of revival was witnessed (June 2-15) in the New London-Norwich, Conn. meetings in the Masonic Hall, Norwich. During the period June 15-24, Dr. Appelman went into eight different churches and auditoriums in the New Bedford, Fall River, Wareham, Mass. area. The last five days of the fourteen weeks were spent with new record crowds in the Rumney Bible Conference, Rumney Depot, N. H.

In every area, churches reported seeing more converts, more uniting with the churches than in any previous campaigns in all their histories.

education

Concordia Seminary in $1,275,000 Expansion

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(RNS)—Plans for a three-stage expansion of Concordia Theological Seminary here, costing $1,275,000 were announced by Dr. Walter A. Baepler, president.

Ground will be broken soon for a $300,000 residence hall and a $400,000 administration-library building. Funds for both buildings are now available.

The second step in the expansion program will be construction of a $300,000 chapel, a gift of the alumni who are raising funds for it.

The third stage will be enlargement of the campus from its present 13 acres to 36 acres, for which $275,000 has been ear-marked.

Dr. Baepler said that $944,000 has been spent on capital improvements at the seminary since 1951. Next year's enrollment, 430, will be the largest in the school's history.

laymen

Gideons International Plan Greater Activity

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The 59th Annual Convention of The Gideons International was held July 22 to 27 at the Kentucky Hotel here (*Action,* August 15). The Gideons International is a non-denominational Christian Businessmen's Association numbering 18,000 members in the United States and other lands. The Association is engaged in a program of placing the Holy Bible in such public institutions as hotels and hospitals, and of presenting the New Testament to such groups as military personnel and nurses.

Approximately 1,000 Gideons and Auxiliary members were in attendance during the week of the Louisville Convention. The meeting marked the Association's 50th year of Bible Placement. Eight of the 33 Gideons still active who joined the Association in 1908 or earlier were on hand.

During the course of the Convention there were periods of intensive training and group discussions designed to better equip Gideons to perform their ministry of distributing the Scriptures and witnessing for Christ.

There were many items considered at the Business Sessions held Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. Perhaps the most important one was the election of officers for a new year, all of whom were re-elected. The Association will continue to be headed by Mr. P. J. Zondervan, president of the Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan during the coming year.

Another highlight of the Convention was the presentation of special Bibles by Mr. Zondervan to the presidents of the American Hotel Association and and American Motor Hotel Association, both of whom had parts on the program.

Gideons consider it of prime importance to be very familiar with the Bible itself since much of their activity centers around distribution of scriptures. Their purpose is to win people to Jesus Christ. Gideons were led in their convention Bible Hour Sessions by Dr. Armin Gesswein, nationally known Bible teacher and chairman of the Commission on Spiritual Life of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The Association accepted the challenge of its president, Mr. Zondervan, to distribute 3,600,000 Bibles and Testaments during the next twelve months. This goal represents a 25% increase over the past year's activity which was a record one.

public affairs

Gov. Meyner Signs Sunday Sales Ban

TRENTON, N. J. — (RNS) — Gov. Robert B. Meyner signed into a law a bill prohibiting the sale of general merchandise in all but three of the state's 21 counties.

A Senate amendment to the original House bill grants exemption from its provisions to Cape May, Atlantic and Ocean Counties, predominantly resort areas of the state. Another Senate amendment also provides that should any provision of the measure be declared unconstitutional, the entire bill would automatically become void.

The new law prohibits the Sunday sale of clothing, wearing apparel, furniture, home, business or office appliances and furnishings, lumber and building supplies. Sales of food, drugs and other necessities, as well as toys and sporting goods are not included in the prohibitions set down by the law.

Gov. Meyner criticized the exemption for the three counties and called upon the legislature to correct "this deficiency" and other "defects" which he said weakened the effectiveness of the bill. He said the penalties prescribed for violations of the act are "obscure and too severe."

President Sets Oct. 1 As USA "Prayer Day"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — President Eisenhower called on Americans of all faiths to pray on Wednesday, Oct. 1, for a just and durable peace "under the guiding hand of Almighty God."

In a statement proclaiming Oct. 1 as a National Day of Prayer, the President also asked that all visitors in this country, "each according to his own faith," join Americans in praying.

"In our time," he said, "buffeted by unprecedented changes and challenged by an aggressive denial of Divine Providence, we have continuing need of the wisdom and strength that come from God, and we shall always find our highest satisfaction in a steadfast purpose to know and to do His will."

A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

POAU Scores Schools Transportation Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State has opposed the inclusion of private and sectarian schools in a bill which would permit the federal government to subsidize all school transportation in the District of Columbia.

Rev. C. Stanley Lowell of Washington, D. C., associate director of POAU, declared that the measure, in so far

as it pertains to non-public schools, "threatens the American policy of Church-State separation."

Pointing out that the proposed law would set a precedent in providing federal subsidies for transportation to private and sectarian schools, Mr. Lowell warned that it "would set off a chain reaction of demands on behalf of these institutions throughout the country."

Legislation authorizing school travel subsidies is before the District of Columbia Committees of the House and Senate. The subsidy plan was suggested by the District of Columbia Transit Company.

Mr. Lowell said that the legislation, if enacted, "would over-ride the constitutions and statues of a majority of states which now prohibit the use of public funds to provide transportation to sectarian schools."

"The cost of transportation to schools which are maintained for the purpose of denominational religious instruction is a private and personal item and not chargeable to the public," he said.

Church Offers Facilities If Virginia Schools Close

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—(RNS)—Christ Episcopal church here became the first Protestant congregation in Charlottesville to announce it will make its facilities available for use as a private school if public schools are closed to avoid integration.

This action followed a recent poll of Charlottesville ministers in which 11 opposed use of their church property for private schools, five indicated that their churches would be willing to provide facilities, and one remained uncommitted.

Last May, the annual convention of the Episcopal diocease of Virginia decided to leave the issue up to individual churches.

Federal courts have ordered integration to begin in the public schools here and in three other Virginia cities in September.

Virginia law, however, requires the closing of integrated schools. It also permits public funds to be used for education of children in private schools.

Jews Would Eliminate Religion in the Schools

NEW YORK — Reform Judaism sounded a warning here that an emerging "public school religion" is endangering this country's spiritual welfare and threatening the American tradition of Church-State separation.

A pamphlet entitled "Religion and Public Education," issued by the Commission of Social Action of Reform Judaism, declared that the mixing of religion into public education "demeans religion by reducing its beauty, significance and inner spirit to a mere mechanical recitation of empty ritual."

"It demeans the public school by making it an acquiescent tool of the churches and, in some communities, a cockpit of inter-religious squabbling," the pamphlet said.

Challenging such programs as Bible-reading and prayer in public schools, the pamphlet contends that the "proper place" for religious education is the home, church and synagogues" and not the public schools."

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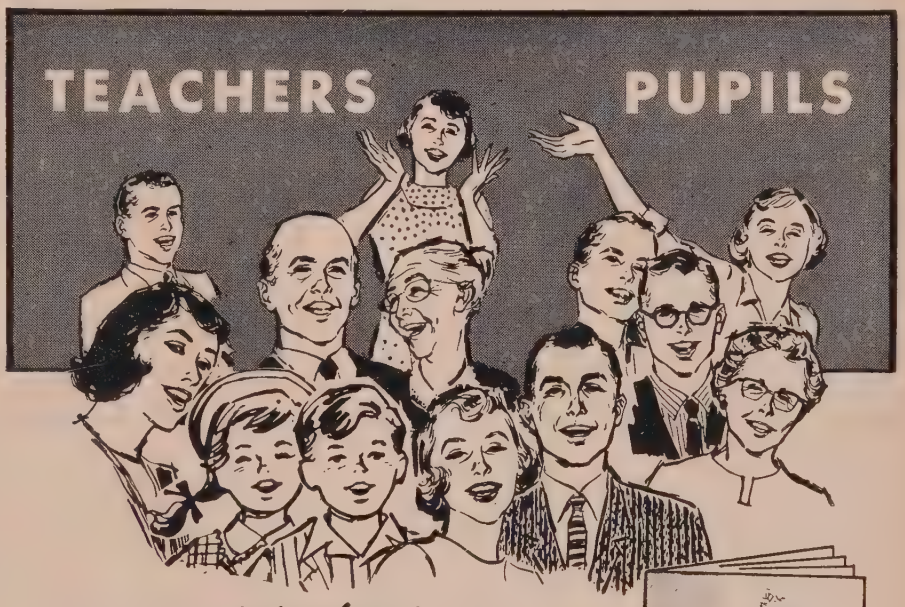

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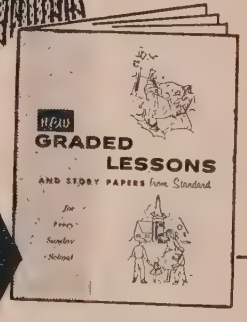

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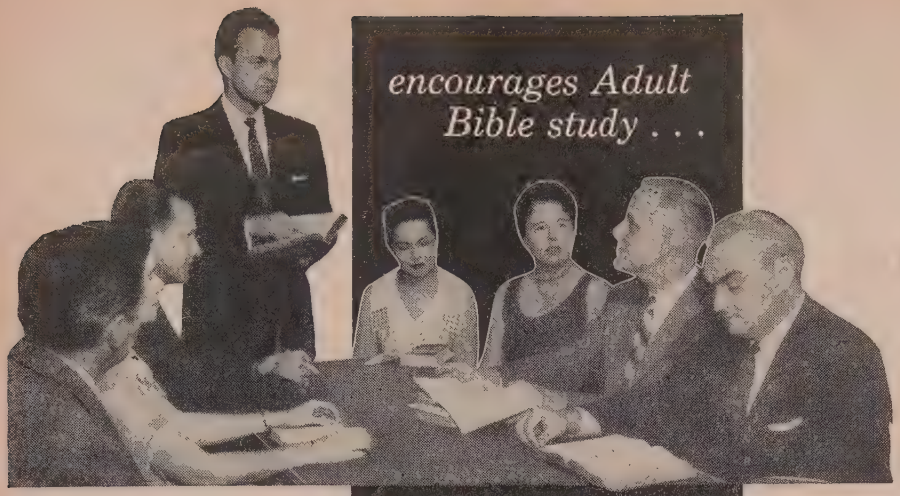

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Denominations

Nazarenes Report Gains In Stewardship Giving

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Substantial gains during the last nine years in giving for denominational work and world missions were announced by the international headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene here.

Total denominational giving for all purposes in 1957 reached $39,085,000, an increase of $15,594,000 or 66 per cent over 1949. World missions giving last year was $2,736,839, a gain of $1,177,570, or 76 per cent over the amount given nine years ago.

Per capita giving increased from $104 in 1949 to $133 in 1957. The Nazarenes, who practice tithing, consistently have been among the leading denominations in stewardship.

The denomination is observing its golden jubilee this year. It dates its beginning from Oct. 13, 1908, at Pilot Point, Tex.

USA Conservative Baptists Settle Premillennial Issue

CHICAGO. — The "premillennial question" which has perplexed Conservative Baptists for years and has consumed hours of time in five annual meetings was at least partially resolved at the recent Denver convention (*Action*, July 15).

The question was not whether or not the Conservative Baptists should be known as premillennial in belief. Test votes throughout the years indicated that an overwhelming majority were strongly premillennial. Nor was the question one of whether the mission boards should send out those who were not premillennial. Both boards had stated that they would send only premils.

The problem arose over whether the word premillennial should be added to the mission societies' doctrinal statements, and, if so, how it should be done.

The snag arose in the fact that the constitutions of both the Conservative Baptist Foreign mission society and the Conservative Baptist Home Mission society provided that the doctrinal statement could not be changed "except by unanimous vote." However, the Home Mission society in 1953 passed an amendment stating that the doctrinal statement could be added to by a 2/3 vote but deletion would demand a unanimous vote. With this amendment, the word "premillennial" was added to the doctrinal statement. The action was taken so quietly and with so little debate that few messengers realized the significance of their action.

The same action was then proposed for the Foreign Mission Society. However, when the vote came up for action the next year in the Foreign society many messengers had begun to doubt the validity of such a procedure. Legal advice was sought and discussions were long and sometimes warm. Each year the action was either deferred or voted on and lost—only to be reintroduced for action the following year.

This, of course, raised many questions regarding the previous action of the Home Mission society. Last year the Home society was asked to consult representative legal authorities on the

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validity of the 1953 action. Six lawyers from various parts of the country were consulted. Their opinion was unanimous. The 1953 action, should it ever be tested in court, would not stand. The action was then declared by the president of the Home society to be "null and void" and his opinion was sustained by a 4 to 1 majority of the messengers.

Both societies then went on record, by resolution, as endorsing the action of the mission boards in appointing only missionaries and staff members of premillennial belief.

Most messengers were satisfied and relieved that the issue was apparently settled.

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To Establish Largest Religious Book Store

LANCASTER, Pa.—The Mennonite Publishing Co., marking its 50th anniversary this year, is setting up what it believes to be the largest religious book store in the United States.

The new Weaver book shop, 20,000 square feet in area, will occupy two floors of the former Sears Roebuck and Co. department store in downtown Lancaster. This will provide four times as much space as the company's present store in a four-story structure, officials said. Current inventory is about 70,000 books.

The remainder of the building will be used by the Mennonite Church for administrative purposes.

Eight retail book stores are operated by the Mennonite company in the United States and Canada.

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World Missionary Literature Sunday

WHEATON, Ill.—(MNS)—Evangelical Literature Overseas, literature arm of ninety mission boards, has announced that October 12 will be observed as World Missionary Literature Sunday. Objectives of the observance of this special Literature Sunday are (1) to impart full information on the literature need and opportunity, (2) to challenge God's people to pray for this literature ministry, (3) to promote intelligent and increased giving to the literature ministry.

Evangelical mission boards and evangelical literature organizations around the world are urged to encourage churches at home and overseas to observe Literature Sunday, using "The Church on the Offensive in the War of Ideas" as a slogan.

Posters, brochures, church calendars, offering envelopes, and suggestive programs of ten, fifteen or twenty-five minute length have been prepared. A 30-minute film strip, "Meet Mr. Page, Missionary to Hungry Minds," is available for a purchase price of $20.00, or a free will offering on a rental basis. These materials may be obtained from Evangelical Literature Overseas, 1825 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Endeavorers in Plea For Christian Unity

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Germany — Prayers for "peacefilled" world statesmen, and for Christians in East and West to remain united were offered by Bishop Hanns Lilje Hannover at the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention here. Bishop Lilje, chairman of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany (VELKD), was the convention's key speaker.

Addressing some 12,000 young people from 230 nations, Bishop Lilje appealed to Christians in every land to "become more conscious of the message of the Gospel and to increase the fight against the forces of evil by witnessing everywhere and every time to the principles of the Christian faith."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, chairman of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, presided at the five-day meeting. It was characterized by evangelical, Bible-centered messages, and lively song fests.

Among those from North America who gave major addresses were Dr. Earle W. Gates of Derby, N. Y., and Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pa., president and vice-president respectively, of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Sessions of the assembly were held in Frankfurt's great Festival Hall. Colorful signs announcing the convention's theme, "Christ, the Light of the World," were displayed in the Hall as well as along the city's streets and in the railroad station.

In business sessions, the convention mapped plans for the work of the Christian Endeavor group during the next four years. Particular emphasis was given to the "intensification of missionary and evangelistic work and to strengthening the position of Christians in all fields of public life."

The World's Christian Endeavor Union has members in 50 countries or island groups around the world and represents over 80 denominations. Headquarters are in Columbus, O.

Nazarenes Hold World Teen-Agers' Institute

ESTES PARK, Colo.—More than 500 teen-agers and 200 adults who work with young people took a long look at the youth program of the Church of the Nazarene at the denomination's first International Teen-agers' Institute here.

As a result, plans were made to strengthen the denomination's church education program for teen-agers.

During the institute, the youths showed what they know about the Bible, Christianity and church history through daily quizzes given by officials.

Attending the gathering were delegates from the 48 states, Alaska—soon to be the 49th—and Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, Great Britain and Guatemala.

Rev. Ponder Gilliland, secretary of the Nazarene Young People's Society, said the institute proved so successful that others will be held during the interim of the society's quadrennial meeting. The Church's General Assembly also meets every four years, with the next assembly scheduled for June, 1960.

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WHEATON, Ill.—Youth for Christ International will commemorate its fifteenth year of ministry in 1959 by holding six major conventions as a part of their year-long "Year of Miracle" program, it was announced by YFCI president Dr. Ted W. Engstrom.

The "Year of Miracle" program will open with the 10th World Congress for Christian Youth, January 4-10, in Madras, South India. Held at the invitation of India Youth for Christ and the Church of South India, the Congress will attract 1,500 delegates from India and other nations of the world, including a select fifty-man team of youth specialists from the United States. Meetings will be held at the Duffton School campus, where Billy Graham preached two years ago, and will include instruction in youth evangelism and the organization of YFC clubs in high schools. Christian youth rallies will be held in the Madras churches each evening, and teams will conduct youth crusades in a dozen different cities from January 10-30.

The sixth annual Winter Conference will be held at Boca Raton, Florida, March 9-15, and will feature Dr. Louis Paul Lehman, Rev. Carl J. Bihl, and other members of the Youth for Christ staff. Bill Carle will be the conference guest soloist.

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Clair C. Burcaw, New York textiles executive, has been appointed general manager of *Christianity Today* magazine. Burcaw is a native of Philadelphia and at one time attended Philadelphia School of the Bible.

Carl Bihl, vice president of Youth for Christ International, is dean of YFC's Directors' School to be held in Kansas City, Kansas, September 11-24. Over 200 young men have graduated from this school in past years and are active in YFC's ministry throughout the world.

Billy Graham has become a member of the Board of Trustees of Fuller Theological Seminary.

Robert K. Bower, chairman of the Christian Education department of the Graduate School of California Baptist Theological Seminary, has accepted appointment as associate professor of Christian Education at Fuller Theological Seminary.

F. J. Miles, widely known as an evangelical Bible conference leader and teacher, is still active at 89 and lecturing daily in the Miami (Fla.) Bible Institute.

Geoffrey W. Bromiley, rector of St. Thomas Church, Edinburgh, Scotland, and former lecturer and vice principal of Tyndale Hall Theological College, has been named to the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary as professor of Church History.

Editorial

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The founders of Virginia some 350 years ago covenanted together in these words: "We whose names are underwritten have undertaken for the glory of God to establish in Virginia the first colony for the advancement of the Christian faith."

The New England Federation Compact of 1630 states, "We have come into these parts of America with one and the same end, namely, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Every Roman Catholic colony first planted the cross of Jesus Christ, engaged in services of worship in Christ's name and covenanted to maintain and extend their faith.

George Washington's public addresses and his private papers are filled with references to his Christian faith.

Abraham Lincoln, savior of the Union, likewise repeatedly attributed America's moral and spiritual strength to the Christian religion and on one occasion said, "I know that liberty is right because Christ teaches it and Christ is God."

Why is it, in the light of these facts, and many more which might be adduced, that we Christian Americans in government permit minorities to silence our Christian testimony?

Our public schools which for a hundred years have permitted the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the offering of prayers and the encouragement of church and Sunday School attendance are now avoiding these traditional practices in many places. As a result 27,000,000 youths and children in America are growing up as moral morons and spiritual illiterates with alarming results.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation continues to report increases in crime with the percentages of increase largest in the age brackets of our rising generation. Is this a result of of our failure to recognize, preserve and perpetuate our national Christian heritage?

These minorities who are smothering our Christian testimony and making mice out of Christian men should be courageously told that all the freedoms which they enjoy in America are theirs because the Christian religion, with its fundamental and inherent concepts of liberty and freedom, has made them possible. They should be willing out of gratitude to admit this fully attested fact and welcome every effort that is made to preserve and perpetuate that system of thought and that way of life as essential to their future welfare.

We readily acknowledge that there have been important minority factors which have made a large contribution to the welfare of our body politic. We are grateful to them for their part in the advances that have been made in education, science, the fine arts, business, industry, labor, agriculture, government and every phase of our social order. We look forward to greater attainments in which we all may share with equal opportunity and freedom of expression.

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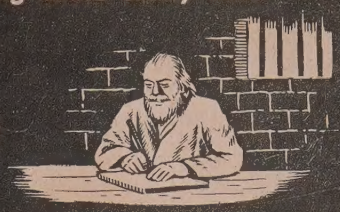

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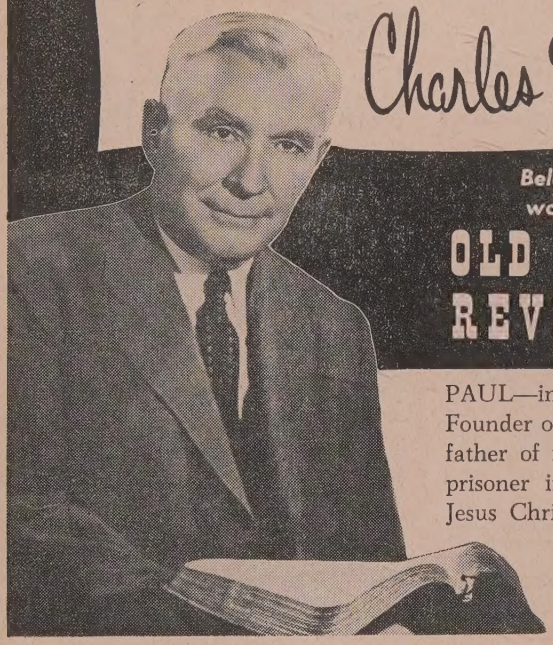

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